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1. IN VIEW OF CRUCIAL RICE SHORTAGE NOW DEVELOPING IN CAMBODIA, WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING PROPOSAL TO KHMER GOVERNMENT THAT IT APPROACH JAPAN TO ASK FOR RICE GRANT ON URGENT BASIS. CAMBODIAN REQUIREMENT IS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 20-40 THOUSAND MT, AND KHMER GOVERNMENT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THAI RICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THIS NEED.

2. PREVIOUS JAPANESE RICE GRANTS TO CAMBODIA (E. G., 6 THOUSAND MT LAST YEAR) WERE MADE THROUGH PURCHASES FROM
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THAILAND, WHICH WE REALIZE ARE NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME.
THEREFORE, REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE, TO MEET SEPT-
OCTOBER DELIVERY NEEDS, 20-40 THOUSAND MT FROM ITS OWN RICE
STOCKS. IF THAT LEVEL IS NOT POSSIBLE, DO YOU BELIEVE
JAPAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE 5-10 THOUSAND MT?

3. EMBASSY' S ASSESSMENT OF RICE SITUATION IN JAPAN AND
POSSIBLE RESPONSE OF GOJ TO REQUEST FROM GKR FOR RICE ARE
NEEDED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 15. ROGERS

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